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There begins Tuesday

meo whisks :- & now let it
So - for it has been a great
while in passing. Now
comes something more
deeply touching & instant.
The reason I did not ask
you to come on Monday
was that Mrs. Alwood was
coming, - & very infirm
& ill, - tho' on the recovery,
in consequence of a severe
fall, & I knew I ought to
devote myself to her exclu-
sively, as I have been in old
times domesticated with her. Mr
Mosher was a Greene, as my
Henry's Mosher was, & she
was an adopted daughter -
an infant orphan

I - seems you had near for your visit, in the apparently return
of your means to
see you and
your mother's welfare,
I - seem you had seen so much
of me in my heart, you
do not know the great
difference in
the
which
always
Mrs. C.
Weymouth
Oct. 11 - 1852
I am
not sorry a-
bushes: - I am
sure ones will observe
in natural course.
There are always compensa-
tions. Her regret is inexpressi-
ble. I made no reproaches,
but only said - "gather up
every sign & token of them,
so that Miss Dora may not
see what has happened, -
& the next day tell her
yourself: if the bodies are
not left here, the slaughter
will be impenetrable, as
they always are seen through,

Tuesday [Oct. 10]
Weymouth
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in the Winter & Autumn
& that is the objection
to them as a hedge."

"Oh - he should certainly
tell her, & he would wait
till the second day, not
to shock her." But the new
idea, tho' gently broken to
him, of its being shocking,
has so shocked him, that
he has not smiled since.
It is real affliction to
him. To do so it will
be of little moment. To me
on her account, & only on
that, it is noticeable. & on
her account only do I care.
Some contributions, under the

pressure of a great sorrow, are
sensitive to things that at
other times they would hardly
notice; & in apprehension of
that in the present case,
I thought twice of what order
and I should not think of
at all. Don't think I had
any need of calmness or
self-restraints: I cannot
let you give me undesou-
red credit - & that is why
I revert to the matter a
second time: "The Muncer
ed Ministers of our debtors;"
- it is worth a whole hedge
of Arianism even, be it
original or quotation. Tell

you every day. Mrs
Almond tells me it is much
jocoser than the Hotel
Lafayette, where I was
with Mary Chapman the
last of her life & as evidence
of her small requests of things
objects. There or at the Hotel
Belham. either will be
near Ann & Wendell - &
for more impressively near
to me, near Q2. I cannot
be of so little value as I
think I am. Seeing I am
able to appreciate Q2. I

shall see you after this
winter I trust, at any rate
How cheered & happyed I
am that you "wanted to come
again!" This is a precious
precious letter & yours.

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Now that duty is fulfilled.
She left me after dinner
to day, which was indeed
earlier, than she might
take the 1.20 train. She
had reasons that do not mix
with you for enjoying her
visit to the utmost. She knew
the place by tradition &
report, but never was here
before; & all the ~~the~~ con-
veniences of my rooms, were
to her recollection of the past -
"when Cousin Henry was
married, - & we selected this
as that for him". Now that
obligation being discharged
I turn to my heart's desire.
Will you come to me,

Thus week, some time? —
do say yes, if it comes
conveniently to you, & let
me know that I may
"bring you coming."
I can drive as
far as Quincy again
to the Linnays — another
old house. And Mrs.
Adams tells me that
those ancient ladies,
(Miss Susan, Miss Abby
& Miss Sophia), are greatly
gratified to have their contin-
ued existence reappraised. I
must surely go to
see them: I will you
make it a delight to me?

We need not lose our
dinner as we did the
other day, — for we can
dine earlier, or later,
as we choose, & so avoid
the risk of being detained
to its disadvantage. I
have taken a slight cold
by these sharp changes
of weather. Come &
cure me. It will not be
a difficult matter.

Whatever my sister
may decide on for the
future, I accept. I shall
talk about taking her in
to the Hotel Baylton,
for a part of this winter,
& then I should see

Paradise of form and of them! & I would rather
passage. In all
my forebodings of
the possible future
remember it is the
greatest good-work. I
know nothing - I have
heard nothing - But
that is to say: for all
the world is so delight
fully narrow, as all our
friends & neighbours are forced
to see, that I cannot
help seeing what they
think is on the cards: -
a million town is the

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Wednesday May

— I scilted the forenoon
for the sake of bringing my
self near you, in reply
to your last. Shall I send
it? - I am half-minded
not. But yet I wish to insist
on two things: - that you should
come to me again this week
if you can without inconvenience
& that you should not suppose
I know much about Philos-
ophy. I know so little of it. I
have read much of it - just
as one reads a novel: & all
that stays by me is, when
I take up a work of
Philosophy, to know whether
I have read it before

Let me know my
dear friend, when
you can come again.
Friday? - Saturday? -
I stay over Sunday &
we will drive over
to Mary Cunningham's
I you & I both like
it when Sunday comes.
in case we do, we must
start directly after dinner,
& stay there an hour
or so, & rest home in
good season. & we
will have a pair
of horses to take us

over the ground foot,
I have been reading the
Eng. Quarterly, on Darwin.
There will soon be no
line of distinction be-
tween Acheron & Calvary,
Episcopacy & agnosticism.
Logical differences -
Word - distinction -

Creed - Measures, are
certainly going out
of fashion. I hope
for a letter to-day
telling me that D. has
engaged her steamer -